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### House of Representatives

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Chairman Robert G. Taub,  
Vice Chairman Mark Acton,  
Commissioner Tony Hammond, and  
Commissioner Nanci E. Langley  
United States of America  
Postal Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20268-0001

RE: Statutory Review of the System  
for Regulating Rates and Classes  
for Market Dominant Products

Docket No. RM2017-3

Dear Mr. Chairman and Commissioners:

On December 1, 2017, the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) issued its findings after reviewing the current market dominant rate and classification system as required by the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (PAEA). This review took nearly one year for the PRC to prepare, and evaluated the success of the system in meeting the objectives established by Congress. On the same day, the PRC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking intended to address areas where the system has not met PAEA objectives.

In the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking the PRC requested that comments regarding the proposed changes outlined by this rulemaking are due no later than March 1, 2018. This proposed rulemaking affects my constituents and virtually every citizen in the United States who uses the United States Postal Service (USPS). Additionally, I understand there are concerns that the current deadline for public comment does not provide adequate time for those who use the USPS to provide input on the suggested changes.

For this reason, I ask that the Commission give all due consideration to extending the comment period for a minimum of six months, until at least September 1, 2018. This additional time would provide a reasonable and fair amount of time for the public to review the proposed changes.

Thank you for your consideration and helping address this issue important to the citizens of the United States who use the USPS.

Sincerely,



Robert B. Aderholt  
Member of Congress